

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT NURSING FACILITIES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to the Reorganization Plan 001-1996, will be submitting State Plan Amendments, in co-ordination with the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in order to implement State Fiscal Year 2007 budget provisions.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations. 1902(a)(13) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(13) and 42 CFR 447.205.

Effective commencing with the start of the State of New Jersey fiscal year 2007, a nursing facility's Medicaid per diem reimbursement shall include an inflation factor adjustment: a) equal to 75% of the amount such nursing home would otherwise be entitled to pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:85-3.19, if the facility is entitled to receive the High Medicaid Occupancy add-on, and subject to a \$12 million cap (State Funds); or, b) of up to 25% of the amount such nursing home would otherwise be entitled to pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:85-3.19, apportioned evenly among the facilities which were not otherwise entitled to receive a share of the High Medicaid Occupancy distribution, and up to the amount available after completion of the distribution in a) above. This change in reimbursement is expected to decrease New Jersey Medicaid program expenditures approximately \$24 million (State and Federal dollars) during the State Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007).

A copy of this Notice is available for public review at all Offices of the Area Agency on Aging that are situated in all twenty-one counties.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing to:

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